

INSIDE STORY OF EASTER UPRISING TODAY AT LAST BY MacNEILL

FREEDOM WON BY BLUNDER OF GREAT BRITAIN

Associate of Collins Tells of His Efforts to Head Off Outbreak.

RESULTS SURPRISED HIM
Martyrs' Forlorn Hope Transformed to Success by English Stupidity.

In this, the third chapter of what may fairly be called "Michael Collins' Own Book," is told the story of the Easter rising and a suggested solution of the Ulster problem in Ireland. The story is told by the man most fitted to tell it, Prof. Eoin MacNeill, who was in the very forefront of the events that preceded and followed the sublime gesture of those enthusiastic idealists who laid down their lives on the altar of Irish freedom and whose spirits ignited the torches of liberty that Michael Collins and his men carried on unflinching.

Prof. MacNeill tells modestly his own part in the struggle of the past, but even more fervent are his words when he deals with the problems that face Ireland today—and tomorrow and the day after that.

He told the tale to Hayden Talbot, The Washington Times correspondent, in which he had abiding faith. He told it to Talbot, in the name of the trust that Michael Collins had told Talbot to write the book of which this chapter is a part.

So Hayden Talbot, the man who was closest to the leaders of the Irish revolution, the man whose familiarity with the subject is second to that of no American newspaper writer, tells today of the Easter rising and the Ulster problem as viewed by that associate of Michael in Erin's cause, Eoin MacNeill.

THE EASTER RISING
By Hayden Talbot.
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CHAPTER III.
"There needs be no doubt about it whatever. I did everything in my power to prevent the Easter week rising."

This was Prof. Eoin MacNeill's answer to the question Michael Collins had suggested I put to him. And the speaker of Dail Eireann gave it with a degree of patent sincerity that made doubt indeed impossible. It was as if he were glad of the opportunity to go on record in a matter which he knows has been widely discussed in every home in Ireland for eight years. Incidentally, Lieut. Col. Sir Matthew Nathan, undersecretary for Ireland at the time of the rising, and Sir MacKenzie Dalzell Chalmers, K. C. B., one of the three members of Hardinge commission which inquired into the causes of the rebellion, have at last their answer.

His Motives.
"Why I did what I did," Prof. MacNeill continued, "has never been told. But now that the opportunity has come to make all the facts known, I am glad to take advantage of it."

"As president and chief of staff of the Irish Volunteers, I was dedicated heart and soul to the achieving of real independence by the Irish nation. As one of the founders of the Gaelic League, I had done all in my power to awaken the people to a consciousness of nationality. When, in 1914, the Sinn Féin section broke away from the general body of the volunteers, I became leader of the seceding body. At the same time I took over the editorship of the Irish Volunteer, the official organ of the army."

"It must be borne in mind that conditions in Ireland in the spring of 1916 were exceedingly difficult for those of us on the black list at Dublin Castle. In my case it was exceptionally difficult, living, as I was, out in the country and away from my colleagues. I knew nothing of the determined upon at secret meetings at which I was not present. Not until after it was all over did I come to learn the momentous decision reached by the seven men who signed and published the declaration of the Irish Republic."

English Stupidity.
"Had I known their grim purpose I might have acted differently. I might have subscribed to it. And yet I am not sure. Not even they could have dreamed the English stupidity would transform their ignominious failure into brilliant success."

"England saw us drilling, knew of our continuous recruiting, knew of our increasing numbers, and constantly increasing numbers, and let us do without real interference. England wanted us to commit the blunder! Thus should we ourselves have settled the Irish question—from England's viewpoint—generations to come. We should have been soundly trounced in the field by Carson's army—backed up by whatever British support might be necessary—and at the same time ruined all hopes of a United Ireland. Because England believed we were planning to do the one thing that would vindicate her Ulster policy, our army was allowed to grow."

"In the spring of 1916 we had the discipline in plenty for our purpose. It is true that some of us were hoping

CHECK BABIES OVER VACATION



Mothers in New York city who need a vacation, but who do not want to be bothered with the care of their babies while away, now are able to check their children while they are out of the city. The baby-checking system, just put in operation, is extremely popular.

that Sir Roger Casement would succeed in inducing German officers to come to Ireland to give us the benefit of their experience, but all that was actually counted upon was shipments of sufficient arms and ammunition.

"This obviously was a vital need. Without equipment we could do nothing. But when at last word came that the shipments were on the way Easter Sunday was fixed as the date for the beginning of hostilities—always conditional on the safe arrival of the arms and ammunition. At least, this was my understanding. And that I was where I was in error! I did not know that a little coterie among our leaders was inspired with an idea of the intrinsic value of martyrdom for martyrdom's sake. But I will come to that presently."

Casement's Arrest.

"The world knows of Casement's arrest. It happened on Good Friday. It is not so generally known that the same day a German ship carrying 20,000 rifles and a million rounds of ammunition was scuttled and sunk by her commander in Tralee Bay to escape capture by the British. Word of both disasters reached me Saturday afternoon. At the same time a message from Casement himself advised me that he was absolutely opposed to our making any move which in the circumstances must be foredoomed to failure. I wasted no time in trying to prevent what seemed certain to be a ludicrous fiasco."

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Wolf Already Is Rapping At Germany's Door

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—Germany is gripped in a veritable panic of fear that her cupboard will be empty the coming winter.

The cry of "the wolf is at the door" resounds throughout the country.

This is the immediate effect of the new devaluation of the mark and the corresponding inflation of prices intensified by the exaggerated fears that the bulk of the population will go hungry and freeze.

Frantic buying is reported in all sections of the country where everything available for food and clothing is being hoarded for consumption or speculative purposes.

many centuries, one may ask, does it take to make an Irishman of an alien? What special force is at work in Ulster to prevent the immigrant there from ever absorbing the characteristics of Irish nationalism?

"It is not a fact of race, but an illusion of race, that makes the Englishman pro-British and anti-Irish. But it is an illusion that Engand has carefully fostered."

Fostering of Feuds.
"The fostering of religious feuds in Ireland by England is so much a part of the solid and irrefragable facts of history that it is surprising to find it not universally recognized. The Catholics have been too busy for a long time to care for the Catholic mob habitually ready to play into the hands of these skillful manipulators."

"But is there no other policy to which the Ulster Unionists except to revive and disown them? Suppose we Nationalists begin by putting articles have preached the lie that our own house in order, by calling every one of these anti-Protestant demonstrations to be the worst enemy of his country's cause? Suppose that in view of our own share in aggravating their fanaticism in the past we resolve to abstain from all acts and words of an aspersing kind in the future? What if we perform these preliminary ablutions?"

"It must interest friends of Ireland the world over to know that every one of these questions has been asked—and answered the right way by the new government of southern Ireland!"

"Under normal conditions there are ten commercial travelers from Belfast houses going through Ireland for one going through Great Britain. On Ireland, and not on Britain, does Belfast depend for the use of her vast credit resources. The Ulster Bank, the Northern Bank, the Belfast Bank, know where their business is done. And Ulster is a land of business men! Once the truth is known by Irishmen—once England's snares are recognized and so avoided—once Belfast and Dublin together see the light—that our whole problem is in fact an economic problem—this is the real issue to be solved. I am confident that the kindly southerners will be glad to have by their shoulders the cold and harsh-tongued men of the north."

Much more than this Prof. MacNeill has to say before he finally leaves of him and started back to Dublin aboard the jaunting car. Some of it will appear in a later chapter.

Chapter 4 of the interesting story of Michael Collins will appear in tomorrow's Washington Times.

American Wipes Feet On Mark; Roils Diners
BREMEN, Aug. 26.—Some resentment was aroused in a cafe here recently when an American diner took a thousand-mark note from his wallet and coolly cleaned his shoes with it as an exhibition to other patrons in the place.

He then handed the note to a waiter in payment for his bill, with the remark that it merely was "German paper."

PINCHOT FIRES FIRST GUN IN PA. FIGHT

Candidate for Governor Is Assisted by Senators Pepper and Reed.

By Cosmopolitan News Service.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Aug. 26.—The Republican party opened its campaign here and at Perkasie today. Gifford Pinchot, gubernatorial nominee, fired the opening gun, assisted by Senator George Wharton Pepper and Senator David Reed.

Senator Pepper in his address lauded the present Administration for its achievements. He pointed to the million dollars a day expenditures for benefits to disabled war veterans instituted by the Government and the insurance instituted for those who were not wounded.

Referring to the new tariff, he termed it a "credible piece of constructive legislation achieved under unprecedented difficulties," and bitterly attacked the opposition to it from Democratic sources, which he said was devoid of any constructive suggestions.

"They would open the gates to a flood of foreign commodities with which we cannot possibly compete unless the American wage earner is to change his style of living and forego for himself and children the things which have been built into the structure of his life," said Senator Pepper.

Beer Keg Cork Puts Out Eye; Man Wants \$50,000
AKRON, Ohio, Aug. 26.—An "unsuitable cork," which popped from a keg full of temperance drink known as "cream beer," is responsible for the suit for \$50,000 alleged damages filed by Jacob Burger against the Renner Products Company.

Declaring that the company failed to tip him off that the keg of beer would generate a "kick," or gas, Burger told the court that he lost twelve weeks of his time, the sight of his right eye and 25 per cent of the vision of his other eye.

Burger stated that, when he bought the temperance drink, the company gave him something to put into the keg "to make the beer suitable to the trade."

Girl, 13, Travels 130 Miles on Fifty Cents
ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Edith Greenberg, thirteen years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greenberg, of New York, was reported missing from East Greenbush, near Albany, the other morning. The family had been passing a vacation there.

Some time after the girl was missed, a note was found, which said: "Don't worry. Have 50 cents. Have gone home."

The State police were notified and began a search.

Later, word was received from New York that the little girl had arrived safely at home, quite unperturbed, having made the 130-mile journey in the course of the day. She had received lifts from automobile drivers most of the way.

2 Boys in Eating Contest Gobble Up 56 Bananas
GREENSBORO, Pa., Aug. 26.—George W. Potter and T. L. Brown had a banana eating contest in the fruit store of Wilkinson Brothers, in which fifty-six bananas were eaten and two bottles of pop were drunk.

The contest lasted ten minutes and Brown ate thirty-four bananas and Potter 22. The loser paid for the fruit and the pop. Previous to the contest the boys ate a quart of ice cream.

"Antagonistic" Husband Gets \$10 by Wife's Will
NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—"I hereby bequeath to my husband, David Neufeld, the sum of \$10, and the reason why I do not consider him any further is that he never treated me as a wife, and was always antagonistic towards me."

So read the last will and testament of Mrs. Annie Neufeld, No. 498 West One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street. She died July 23 last, leaving a small estate to relatives.

JAPANESE PLAN RUIN OF RUSSIAN PORT, IS CLAIM

Scheme to Divert Vladivostok's Traffic to Dairen Revealed in Official Report.

By HARRY L. ROGERS, International News Service.

Japan at the present moment is putting through a plan practically to destroy the great Russian port of Vladivostok by diverting traffic from the Chinese Eastern Railway to the Japanese port of Dairen, according to official reports to the American Government yesterday.

After yielding with ostensible good grace to pressure from the United States and other powers to withdraw from the maritime province of Siberia, the Japanese, it is charged, now expect by secret arrangements to regain all the political and commercial advantages to be lost through the evacuation.

By this move, it is asserted, they hope to retain their dominant position on the Asiatic mainland, consolidate their holdings in Manchuria, and prevent other nations from sharing in the rich commerce of Siberia, expected to follow re-establishment.

The United States is vitally interested, officials here declare. With Japanese troops of Siberia, Americans might reasonably have hoped for a return to Vladivostok and establishment of preferential rates from Harbin to Dairen.

The Japanese scheme is to be accomplished, an Administration official stated today, through two measures:

1. Abolition of preferential rates from Harbin to Vladivostok and establishment of preferential rates from Harbin to Dairen.

2. Changing the Chinese Eastern railway from Harbin to Changchun from the present Russian gauge of five feet to the standard gauge of four feet and eight and one-half inches, to conform to the standard-gauge tracks of the South Manchuria line from Changchun to Dairen.

The first of these moves already has been accomplished, according to official reports.

The second step to the plan, that of changing to standard gauge the line from Changchun to Harbin, has not yet been accomplished.

The Chinese Eastern has given its assent to the proposed change of gauge, and a secret clause in the railway convention of 1915, plans provide for the change shortly.

"Information contained in our reports," said an Administration official today, "leads me to believe the Japanese will do the thing first and discuss it afterward. Probably they will offer as justification for changing the gauge without the assent of the Chinese government or the foreign powers, the plea of having secured permission of the Chinese Eastern people, and a secret clause in the railway convention of 1915."

We have reason to believe this convention contains a secret clause which permits the Japanese in case of emergency, to make the change of the gauge so the trackage will be uniform from Dairen to Harbin."

BEAUTIES' PHOTOS FOUND ON HUSBAND

Los Angeles Woman Files Pictures of Beach Models in Divorce Suit.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 26.—Pictures of "dainty beach models," which Mrs. Pearl P. Staten told Judge McLucas she found among the possessions of her husband, Lee, were exhibited in court in Mrs. Staten's suit for divorce.

There also was on file a letter said to have been written by Staten to his wife and which the court held indicated Mrs. Staten might have driven her husband from her home.

On this account, Judge McLucas asked for more corroborative testimony relative to Staten's alleged desertion of his wife.

The letter read in part: "You are away now and have a chance to do as you please and I hope you will have your wishes and your expectations fulfilled. Now don't worry about me, for I intend to enjoy myself and go the limit as far as I can and you have my permission to do likewise, for we cannot be reconciled nor again live together."

"I am as tired as I can be of hearing things slammed and jammed against me and do not care to put myself again protecting myself from blows from you."

"You have been furnished all the money we had so that you might get away and you have said you could make a living without my assistance. Now you have your wish, so go to it and don't bother me."

Girl Hammers Dynamite; One Thumb Is Blown Off
DANVILLE, Va., Aug. 26.—Helen Stevens, fifteen years old, discovered a small copper-headed object, which defied opening. Placing it on a stone, she struck it with a hammer.

The little object, a dynamite cap, detonated with a concussion which stunned the child, and she was picked up with the end of her left thumb off and a gash through the cheek.

House Orders Favorable Report on Alley Bill
A favorable report on the bill to extend the operation of the alley law from next November to July 1923, today was ordered by the House District Committee.

Chairman Focht, of the committee, said today he will urge early consideration of the bill by the House.

If the existing law becomes operative in November, 12,000 alley dwellers will be evicted from their homes.

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Heatless Days Urged to Curb Using of Coal

By International News Service.

HERALDING a return of war-time "heatless days" and "lightless nights," a resolution was introduced in the House yesterday by Congressman Brennan, Republican of Michigan, authorizing the Administration to impose radical restriction on the use of coal.

The resolution was intended to meet the impending coal famine through the restoration of fuel curtailment orders issued during the war.

GIRL, 15, HALTED IN JOURNEY TO ALTAR

Father Calls Police When Daughter Vanishes and Romance Goes "Blooiie!"

Edna V. Carrico, fifteen years old, of Gainesville, Va., got a good scolding from her father, C. W. Carrico, as they returned home last night after the girl's unsuccessful attempt at matrimony in the Capital.

Howard Alexander Jacobson, twenty-six years old, a farmer of Warrenton, Va., is the would-be groom. He couldn't get a tinkle out of the well-known wedding bells, and Mendelssohn might have written "The Outline of History" for all he cared last night.

And besides, it wasn't exactly a comfortable night for Mrs. Laura Hitt, also of Warrenton, Edna's married sister. Mrs. Hitt came up with the couple to act in the dual capacity of chaperon and bridesmaid. An unnamed young man, a friend of the prospective groom, accompanied them also, bent on being best man or knowing the reason why.

They all rattled merrily into Washington yesterday morning. In the meantime, the Carricos back in Gainesville found that Edna had gone, and also where and why. The long-distance operator connected Mr. Carrico with police headquarters, and a search was out.

Headquarters broke the news to the women's bureau, and to various and sundry John Laws all over Washington. The news spread, reaching the ears of Detective Sergeant Helan, assigned to the District Attorney's office. And what chance did Cupid have with Detective Sergeant Helan in the way?

Mrs. Hitt, her baby, and the unnamed young best-man-to-be, during the search of the city, had been picked off and took bench seats in front of an East Capitol street apartment house, feasting their eyes on the dome of the Capitol and the stately outlines of the Congressional Library.

Howard Alexander and Edna V. finally located the court house, but they didn't even get a chance to shake hands with Col. Bill Kroll, who deals out the marriage licenses. Detective Sergeant Helan was very much on hand, and he took care of the situation and the somewhat alarmed couple.

The bridal party, augmented by Sergeant Helan, hunted up Mrs. Hitt and the potential best man, and told the ceremony was indefinitely postponed.

Then Mr. Carrico was notified, and Edna was left to wait in the House of Detention. There wasn't anything to be done with Howard Alexander and Mrs. Hitt and her baby, so they turned loose to the cold charity of an unfeeling world.

Mr. Carrico, with a well-rehearsed sermon on hasty marriages trembling on his lip, and with a fount of gladness in his heart, arrived in Washington after dusk and took Edna home.

SETS \$500,000 FIRE WHEN HE LOSES JOB

Winston Salem's Business District Swept by Flames—Five Buildings Burned.

WINSTON SALEM, N. C., Aug. 26.—Pique of a discharged employee, who sought to take revenge on his former employer by blowing up a harness shop, was blamed by police for a half million dollar fire which swept the business district here today.

The Nissen building, containing a harness shop, which was the object of wrath, and several other establishments, was destroyed. Four other buildings suffered heavily from fire and water.

William E. Chatham, eighteen, was arrested and is said to have confessed that he saturated the harness shop with gasoline, then placed a fujiing oil tank and lighted it, intending to run.

The explosion came prematurely, however, and Chatham narrowly escaped with his life.

He was caught as he fled from the burning.

The explosion shook the entire city.

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